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Subject: RE: Juveniles Charged with Murder
Date: Wed, 11 May 2016 12:08:27 -0500

Detective Bratu,

I think it has been well documented your and MPD's lack of interest and investigation into my son's death. You have had this case for a year now and I do not know of any ONE person who you have actually questioned and discussed his case with other than people we have sent to you to talk to at which point you have discounted their statements. Jordan Edwards came forward and she "a teenager that we can't pay any attention to." We have given you names of people who know information and if called in would possibly be concerned enough for their own welfare that they would give you vital information. You have spoken to none of Christian's friends that he spoke to on the day he was killed. We have asked them and they report they do not know who Detective Bratu is.

You told us that if there were experts that stated this was a homicide using forensics that you could make an arrest. Now you request for an expert to *validate another expert's findings*. There will never be an end to your stalling techniques nor your lack of interest, empathy, or deception. Everyone at MPD and MBI has lied to us. Some we have on tape/text and some we do not. You yourself told Todd and myself the coroner always took pictures of crime scenes and you told a very elaborate story (which is concerning) regarding this. When Cobler was asked about this he stated he has never taken pictures at a crime scene and did not know why you would tell us this. Why was this lie told? Who benefited from it?

Sharpe in a taped interview stated to me and Mrs. Virgil who was witness to the conversation that Whitley would be brought in if it was found she had lied about the trigger being changed on Christian's gun. Of course that was found to not be true but she has never been brought back in. When Sharpe was asked about other aspects of the case he lied about those as well. It has been one lie after another told by you, your department and other agencies. My question is why? Why do you want my son's death to be a suicide so badly that you will lie, cover up and change facts in order to make it so.

If someone actually believed the young girl who you discounted.... you would theorize that Christian was lured across state lines, killed and then robbed. Dylan is on camera attempting to empty his bank account. I have the video footage showing this just as I have texts, statements, investigative reports, expert witnesses, etc. etc. but it is never enough. Again I ask the question why? We have done your job for you. If you cannot take what has been given to you and actually do your job then I will continue to write letters and distribute information to the DOJ, NAACP, and media outlets until I get some answers to why there appears to be no one at MPD or MBI that wants my son's death truly investigated. If Trent Weeks is proved to be a liar and fraudulent in his case report (which is easily proved) in order to close a case.... would that not call into question every case he has ever touched?

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Mrs. Andreacchio,

I am very sorry that there seems to be some sort of misunderstanding in our conversation today. All I thought I had said was that at the time of Christian's death, Whitley Goodman was a juvenile, which in some cases makes it more difficult initially to bring charges in this type of investigation. I fully understand that juveniles can be, and have been convicted of murder in MS. I have been trying to gather enough evidence to present your son's case to a grand jury, which is why Todd and I were discussing the forensic examiner you had hired and when they might be finished so I could take everything to the D.A.'s office in an attempt to bring charges if substantiated by enough evidence to prosecute. That decision has to be made by the district attorney. I am more than willing to meet with you to discuss this in person Thursday or Friday if you wish to meet.

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Detective Bratu,

After your conversation today with my husband I was very disturbed and concerned about your continued insistence that Whitley Goodman cannot not be arrested for the murder of my son due to her age at the time of his death. I thought it might be beneficial if I educated you to the facts as it relates to teens being arrested for violent crimes. There **are actually teens** in the United States serving life without the possibility of parole that were under of the age of 18 when they committed their crime. I know that must be shocking to you since you appear to believe that no one can be arrested and tried as an adult unless they have reached the age of 18. You will be more shocked when you realize that **your own department** in the last 12 months have arrested several teens under the age of 18 and charged them with murder. Let

me give you some examples:

1. Shon Byrd - 16 y/o - May of 2014 - charged with capital murder - Meridian, MS
2. Deshay Shively - 17 y/o - 2015 - charged with murder - Meridian, MS
3. Kenyatta Robinson - 17 y/o - July 2015 - charged with murder - Jackson, MS
4. Jermaine Wilson - 16 y/o - December 2012 - charged with rape and capitol murder - Jackson, MS
5. Nathaniel Roberson, Jr. - 17 y/o - 2015 - charged with capitol murder - Clarksdale, MS
6. 17 y/o Vidalia, MS - charged with rape - March 2016
7. 17 y/o Natchez, MS - charged with murder - December 2015

I could continue to cite one case after another involving Mississippi youth charged as adults in violent crimes. I would suggest that possibly your co-workers could give you guidance on the procedure of arresting and charging a 17 year old. I know MPD has many issues with following policy and procedure which has been displayed repeatedly in the investigation or the lack there of into my son's death. In looking at the above referenced youth I do see a common denominator.....they are all African American. Would it have made a difference if Christian had been killed by a African American 17 year old female or male? Does Whitley Goodman get a pass for killing someone because she is a 17 year old white girl? I have felt for the past 18 months that there was more to this case than just a screwed up investigation by a poorly organized and supervised police department.

I have requested a meeting with Bilbo Mitchell to discuss the lack of progress with Christian's case even though your department has been given outside expert assistance which has validated our conviction from the first day of this crime being committed that Christian was murdered intentionally and with probable prior planning and conspiracy between several individuals which to this day have not been questioned.

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